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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-71	YES
	Claims NONE	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims NONE	YES
	Claims 1-71	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-71	YES
	Claims NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-71 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Deacon et al. (Am J Physiol Endocrinol Metab, 2002) in view of Vincent et al (Ann. N. Y. Acad. Sci, 2002). Deacon et al. beneficially teach a method of inhibiting hyperglycemia-induced or free fatty acid-induced reactive oxygen formation in a mammalian cell, the method comprising treating the cell with a pharmaceutically acceptable composition comprising GLP-1 (9-36) sufficient to inhibit the hyperglycemia-induced or free fatty acid-induced reactive oxygen formation in the cell (see, e.g., abstract and page E878).

Deacon et al. do not specifically teach inhibiting reactive oxygen formation by administration of GLP-1 (9-36).

Vincent et al. teach that increased concentrations of glucose rapidly induce production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) (see, e.g., page 379, paragraph 1).

Therefore inhibiting reactive oxygen formation is considered an intrinsic effect of the anti-hyperglycemic compound GLP-1-(9-36) beneficially taught by Deacon et al.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to adjust particular conventional working conditions within such method of inhibiting hyperglycemia (i.e., reducing blood glucose) (e.g., using different reactive oxygen indicators, combining with other treatments and/or utilizing analogs of GLP-1-(9-36)) based upon the overall beneficial teachings provided by Deacon et al. and Vincent et al. These types of adjustments are deemed merely a matter of judicious selection and routine optimization that is well within the purview of the skilled artisan.

Thus, the invention as a whole is prima facie obvious over the reference, especially in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

Claims 1-71 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.